

# HALL DEFENSE CLAIMS MURDER CLUE

## Direct Allegation Will Be Presented At Jury Meeting

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 15.—Defense lawyers in the Hall-Mills case are preparing to spring a surprise, when the Somerset county grand jury meets here tomorrow, in the form of a direct murder accusation against a person or persons not yet indicted for the crime.

This information came today from a lawyer who has not been named as a defense counsel associate so far. It was said that for a month the defense had employed detectives to piece together the huge mass of evidence in the murder of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills in order to fix responsibility.

### To Prove Accused Innocent

Timothy N. Pfeiffer of the defense counsel, contented himself with saying that the intention of lawyers employed by Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall was to prove the accused innocent of the murder. Henry and Willie Stevens and Henry Carpender are accused with Mrs. Hall of having committed the crime.

Meanwhile, Senator Simpson quietly went ahead with his own preparations before the grand jury. He intends to ask the jury to indict four persons, one of them a woman, as accessories after the fact of the murders. He refused to comment on statements made by defense lawyers that he was on the wrong track.

### Simpson Fails to Answer

Neither would he express his opinion of the statement of innocence issued by Henry Stevens from the jail here. In his statement Stevens asserted he expected a "complete vindication of my relatives and myself." Besides that, he attacked the manner in which Senator Simpson had conducted the investigation.

"I hope . . . that there will arise from the legal profession some Sir Galahad who . . . will prevent other innocent persons from being subjected to the annoyance, to the sorrow and to the expense to which we all have been subjected," Stevens wrote.

While Stevens was issuing his declaration the appellate division

of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn was upholding the decision of Justice Callaghan in dismissing a writ of habeas corpus which had stayed off the extradition of Felix di Martini, Hall private detective.

### Di Martini to Higher Court

The court permitted Di Martini to take his case to the Court of Appeals, and pending this decision he will remain a prisoner in the Raymond Street jail.

Inspector John J. Underwood was annoyed by the latest stay granted Di Martini.

"He has thrown a wrench into my investigation," the inspector said. "We haven't time for any one else now except him. After we talk to him our case will be complete."

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Three young inmates of the institution signed affidavits in which they told stories of floggings and other punishment.

"They beat Minnie Oarnes and Minnie Harris until the whole group of inmates began to cry," Marion Jerauld said. "Then they were beaten because they pleaded for mercy. The girls were naked except for a thin nightdress," she declared.

### Beaten With Hose

Another form of cruelty was the pasting of adhesive tape over a girl's mouth, and leaving it there for twenty-four hours, Miss Jerauld said.

Miss Jerauld stated that she had once worked on a brick pile at the institution with her feet shackled together.

One enraged officer at the school tore a handful of hair from an inmate through their hands.

mate's head and a thick rubber hose was often used to beat the girls into submission, Miss Laurena Osborne stated.

### ASK ACCOUNTING OF UNION FINANCES

At the request of Joseph Kelban, Justice Dunne has signed an order restraining payment of \$10,000 to Samuel Kaplan, president of Moving Picture Operators of Greater New York, Local 306.

The order directs Kaplan and Max Feinberg, treasurer; David Engen, financial secretary, and Frank Day, recording secretary, to show cause on October 20 why a receiver should not be appointed for the local and why the officers of the union should not give an accounting of money that passed

through their hands.

### NEIGHBORS BOOST SMITH

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